

# SUPPLEMENT TO THE ST. JOHNSBURY CALEDONIAN.

## Comments on Capt. Griswold's Gift.

Some of the veterans of the civil war, who have not applied for a pension for various reasons, now that the government has granted a service pension to all the survivors of that great conflict, are at their wit's ends to know what to do with it. Former Commissioner of Pensions, Eugene Ware, who watched the applicants for pensions with an eagle eye while in office, and who had a conspicuously framed motto over his desk announcing that "God Hates a Liar" has decided to bestow his pension upon a child of a soldier, and will so transfer it. But the most unique disposition of the service pension we have noted is that of Capt. E. F. Griswold, of St. Johnsbury, who has devoted his to R. E. Lee camp of Confederate soldiers at Richmond, Va., for an inmate of a soldier's home "in recognition of kindness shown me while a prisoner." It may be a surprise to most people, even 40 years after the war, that anybody received "kindness" in Libby prison. We have been led to believe that kindness was one of the qualities conspicuous by its absence within those walls. But the St. Johnsbury veteran ought to know what his experience was and his gift of Uncle Sam's money to help support an ex-rebel shows that his gratitude is real, and has a foundation in fact. The incident at any rate serves to illustrate the truth that the war is over, and that men are more and more coming to realize that there is no North, no South, but one country. —Rutland Herald.

Among the comments of the Southern press this one from the Petersburg, Va., Index-Appeal is a fair sample of the way the South look at the gift:

We are glad that R. E. Lee camp has accepted this offer, not so much on account of the money itself, which is no considerable item, but for the evidence of the reciprocal good will which the acceptance conveys. Northern men like Capt. Griswold, Jim Anderson and others we might mention are doing much to counteract the feeling of sectional bitterness and acrimony engendered by the politicians of both sections, and they are hastening the time when the passions and prejudices of the war will be forgotten, and there will be a complete restoration of good feeling.

## Active Patriotism.

Grover Cleveland, in the April 5th number of The North American Review, utters stirring words on the subject of active patriotism. "There is, in my mind, a sober conviction," he says in the article entitled "Patriotism and Holiday Observance," "that we all can and ought to do more for the country that lives in us than has been our habit to do." He urges "a revival of pure patriotic affection for our country for its own sake," and the acceptance of Washington's special virtues: "harmony, honesty, industry and frugality." In the course of the article, he observes:

"If we find that the wickedness of destructive agitators and the selfish depravity of demagogues have stirred up discontent and strife where there should be peace and harmony, and have arrayed against each other interests which should dwell together in hearty cooperation; if we find that the old standards of sturdy, uncompromising American honesty have become so corroded and weakened by a sordid atmosphere that our people are hardly startled by crime in high places and shameful betrayals of trust every where; if we find a sadly prevalent disposition among us to turn from the highway of honorable industry into shorter cross-roads leading to irresponsible and worthless ease; if we find that widespread wastefulness and extravagance have discredited the wholesome frugality which was once the pride of Americanism; we should recall Washington's admonition that harmony, industry and frugality are 'essential pillars of public felicity,' and forthwith endeavor to change our course."

"To neglect this is not only to neglect the admonition of Washington, but to miss or neglect the conditions which our self-examination has made plain to us. These conditions demand something more from us than warmth and zest in the tribute we pay to Washington, and something more even than acceptance of his teachings—however reverent our acceptance may be."

## California's Rainfall.

The many friends of S. H. Brackett, for so many years at the head of the science department at the Academy, will be interested to hear of his recent work at Claremont, Cal., where his son, Frank P. Brackett, is a member of the faculty of Pomona College. The following item recently appeared in the Los Angeles Times.

At Claremont yesterday, S. H. Brackett, government measurer, reported the total rainfall for the season at 7 o'clock a. m., to be 24.12 inches. About a half-inch of rain fell yesterday so the season's precipitation will amount to 25 inches before the storm is over. This is more rain than has fallen up to this time of year for the past twenty-three seasons. No damage has been done by the light showers which have been falling for the past two days.

## Academy Has Second Place.

At a meeting of the directors of the Inter-scholastic basketball league at Montpelier, recently, the head of the standing was given to People's Academy at Morrisville, which has made one of the best "prep" schools in New England. For second place three teams are tied, Burlington, Montpelier High school, and St. Johnsbury Academy. Goddard gets third and Montpelier Seminary fourth place. Another meeting of the directors will be held in November, when officers will be elected and the schedule for the season made up.



GROUP OF SUCHIEN, CHINA SUFFERERS.  
Photographed by REV. W. F. JENKINS.

## Underwriters' Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Northeastern Vermont Underwriters' Association was held in the office of Charles S. Hastings April 16, and was attended by about a dozen members of the association. Six individuals or firms in Hardwick, Lyndonville and St. Johnsbury joined the organization at this meeting, the new members from this town being W. W. Sprague & Son. These officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Pres., E. M. Campbell, Lyndonville.  
Vice-Pres., Charles G. Braley, St. Johnsbury.  
Vice-Pres., George S. Robinson, Island Pond.  
Sec. Treas., and Special Rating Committee, C. S. Hastings.  
Rating Com. for Orange county, F. L. Brigham, Bradford; W. G. Foss, Wells River. For St. Johnsbury and vicinity, Crawford Ranney, A. B. Noyes, For Island Pond, G. S. Robinson, Luther A. Cobb, both of Island Pond. For Lyndonville and vicinity, George W. Pierce and E. J. Blodgett, both of Lyndonville. For Hardwick and vicinity, Melvin G. Morse and J. H. McLeod.

## Arbor Day Proclamation.

STATE OF VERMONT.  
By Fletcher D. Proctor, Governor.  
A PROCLAMATION.  
In order to foster a regard for and interest in tree culture, the better to create and maintain a healthy and strong public sentiment for the proper preservation of our forests and to encourage the love and study of nature, I designate Friday, May 3, 1907, as

## ARBOR DAY.

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Given under my hand and the seal of the State, at Proctor, this 17th day of April, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred seven, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred thirty first.

FLETCHER D. PROCTOR.  
By the Governor.  
BENJAMIN WILLIAMS, JR.  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs.

## In the Electrical World.

The smallest electrical motor in the world can be carried in the vest pocket or worn as a watch charm.  
The largest electrical motor in the world was recently installed by the General Electric Company for the Indiana Steel Corporation. It is a 6,000 horse power induction motor.  
About seventy different kinds of electric heating and cooking devices are manufactured today for ordinary household use.  
The latest and most important step in electrical manufacture is the electrification of steam roads. This promises to be one of the largest branches of the industry.  
Thomas A. Edison, the Wizard of Menlo Park, announces that he will cease all hard work for a time and devote his spare moments to "playing" with electricity. The public can look forward to something new nevertheless.  
The very latest in heating devices are the baby milk warmer, combination shaving mug and water heater, and the corn popper.  
The new type of electrical automobile does not depend upon a storage battery for power. A small gasoline engine drives a generator, which in turn supplies the electricity for the motors. The new device simplifies the control and improves the service.  
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The steam turbine is revolutionizing steam power and cheapening the cost of electricity.  
An electrical apparatus for milking cows has been invented.  
Shoes can now be shined by electrical power; the carpet can be cleaned by the same force. An electrical device for winding large town clocks has also been placed on the market.  
The largest transformers in the world were made for the Great Northern Power Company at Duluth, by the General Electric Company. Three units of 10,000 horse-power each have been installed and five others are to be constructed.  
Many thousands of dollars' worth of diamonds and sapphires are used every year for bearings in electric house meters.  
Nikola Tesla, the well-known inventor, makes the astounding statement that wireless telephoning will soon be possible, and that electric lights will be made to burn at any distance by special currents passed through the air.

Praise for Conductor Ranney.  
The Burlington Clipper has deserved praise for Conductor Ranney's fidelity to duty at the recent Hardwick wreck which all his friends here and elsewhere will heartily endorse:  
Conductor "Charley" Ranney of the St. Johnsbury and Lake Champlain railroad is certainly the right stuff.  
In the recent accident at Hardwick he was so severely hurt that at first it was thought he could not recover, but he forced the rescuers to take all the other injured people out of the car first, insisting that he himself be the last person taken out.  
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The attention of the world hasn't been turned to Conductor Ranney. Indeed, up-to-date, he has had only two lines in a local newspaper, in a long report of the accident. But, don't the Whites and the Thaws, on whom the attention of the whole world has been concentrated for months, look small beside him?  
Here's to "Charley" Ranney! May he live long and prosper.

Rich Women Make Dirt Fly.  
As an object lesson to dilatory highway commissioners the women of Venice, Cal., recently turned out with picks and shovels and smoothed the wrinkles out of Washington boulevard. In the army of roadmakers were the wives and daughters of millionaires. Dirt began to fly early in the day, and holes which have been the bane of travelers along the thoroughfare were filled and given a high finish. At noon lunch was served under the trees at the roadside. Auto parties which passed along the road cheered the women shovellers.

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